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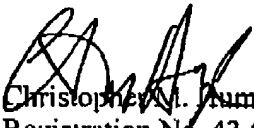
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- ☒ Part 2 of Formalities Letter or Form PTO-1533
(Notice to File Missing Parts of Application)
- ☒ Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application, which has been executed by the named inventor(s)
- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 \$450.00 to cover the filing fee of \$385.00 and the \$65.00 surcharge under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e)
- ☐ English Translation and \$130.00 (37 CFR 1.17(i)) fee for filing late.
- ☒ Other: Information Disclosure Statement and PTO 1449
- ☒ Any deficiency, additional fee, or credit may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

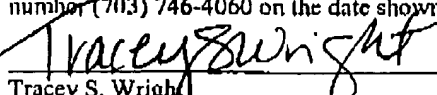
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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

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- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 385 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
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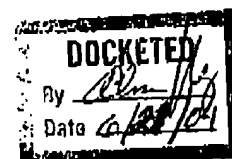
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